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## Majura Park Gun Club Quarterly Newsletter – June 2010

### Presidents Report

Firstly I want to thank all those members who assisted with the club improvements and getting the facilities ready for the Southern Zone Shoot, which we hosted on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> May. We had 87 shooters attend on the Saturday and 95 on the Sunday – our biggest attendance for a number of years. I was very pleased to see so many members pitch in and help with the amenities block and the new trap layout. I would also like to single out Matt Harris and Paul Walker for their assistance over the 2 day shoot. Matt took time of work on the Friday and worked all day assisting in getting the grounds ready. Paul didn't even shoot on the weekend yet worked all weekend filling traps, refereeing and scoring and running around helping with all those little things, which help make the shoot a success. Thank you Paul and Matt.

We still need to do a few things to the amenities block however the feedback from the visiting shooters was extremely positive. We will also be demolishing the existing trap 2 and building a new trap house and installing another Canterbury trap, prior to our November shoot.

As you are all aware, the Committee decided to move our Highland 2 day shoot from March to November. There was plenty of robust discussion around the decision and only time will tell if we have made the correct one. However, the change has given us more time to build the new trap and gather more sponsorship.

On the issue of sponsorship ... the big news is that, thanks to the efforts of Andrew Smedley we have now secured a major sponsor for the event - HOLCIM. To date we have pledged sponsorship that sits at approximately \$8,000. The Committee is optimistic that we will be able to fund a shoot providing around \$15,000 worth of cash and prizes, this is by far our biggest ever prize pool.

Obviously further sponsorship is still needed. In particular we are trying to find organisations willing to sponsor graded high gun events. We expect this to cost in the vicinity of \$450 (perhaps less if we can get tighter deals on the guns we are looking to hand out as graded high gun prizes). If you know an organisation that may be prepared to assist then please let a Committee member know.



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See you all around the traps.  
Dave Claxton  
President MPGC

## Club Merchandise

A number of members have asked about more merchandise and the possibility of having names placed on the product. An order has now been placed for more polo shirts and long sleeve T shirts, along with polar plus jumpers. We have also ordered some beanies. Stock is due to arrive in 3 weeks.

Some members have enquired about personalised embroidery and this will be arranged once the stock is received with members paying any additional costs.

## Club member behaviour

Members are reminded that they must be courteous to all other members, staff, and visitors who attend the club. The ACTA prescribes a code of conduct, which is to be upheld at all times. This code is in the Blue Book (all members receive a copy upon paying their annual ACTA fees) and posted on the clubhouse wall next to the administration desk. MPGC members are encouraged to refresh themselves on the code content and apply it in practice while on the range.

## Club facilities development

A number of members have enquired about other shooting disciplines being introduced at the club. These have included trench, ball trap, sporting clays and tower. The Committee is happy to consider all requests but please appreciate that a lot of thought and discussion goes into these matters and time is needed to assess all the pro's and con's of any new discipline.

At present, the major priority is having the existing trap 2 re-built and a new Canterbury trap installed. Once that happens, we will be using the current Gemini machine to run ball trap.



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## 2010 Champion of Champions

The Ch of Ch standings have now been updated and are available on our web site. Please note that eligibility to shoot for a prize in December is dependent on the highest collective 6 scores. As there are 5 events left to compete, if you haven't shot at least 1 score to date you are out of the running to win a prize.

[http://www.majuraparkgunclub.com/champ\\_of\\_champ\\_2010.pdf](http://www.majuraparkgunclub.com/champ_of_champ_2010.pdf)

## Break Badges

Congratulations on the following milestones:

Matt Harris - Trap Nationals 75 and 100

Chris Southwell - Trap Nationals 75 and Cont 50

Dino Marzotto - Trap 100

Paul Walker - Cont 50

Terry Cooper – Trap 50

Until next quarter – that's all folks.

Terry Senior

MPGC Secretary